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SUBJ: REFUGEES AND DETAINEES IN ARGENTINA AND ARGENTINE
REFUGEES IN BRAZIL

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1. REFTEL (PARA. 4) SUMMATION OF ARGENTINE REFUGEE
SITUATION IN BRAZIL IS ESSENTIALLY CORRECT: FOR THE
PRESENT REFUGEES ARE NOT IN DIRE NEED, ARE BEING ASSISTED
BY UNHCR, ARE NOT BEING MISTREATED BY GOB AND ARE NOT A
PRESSING RPT PRESSING PROBLEM TO BE RESOLVED BY THIRD
COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT. ACCORDING TO SAO PAULO BOARD UNHCR
REP GUY PRIM, UNHCR IS SPENDING ABOUT DOLS 20,000 MONTHLY ON
REFUGEE SUPPORT. CHURCH WELFARE GROUPS, WHO ARE CENTRAL TO
KEEPING SITUATION FROM BECOMING "DIRE", ARE ALSO TAKING
FUNDS OUT OF THEIR NORMAL OPERATING BUDGETS TO SUSTAIN
REFUGEES AT WHAT WE UNDERSTAND TO BE SOME SACRIFICE.

2. UNHCR REP PRIM IN FACT APPROACHED CONGEN SAO PAULO
OFFICER JULY 11 TO REITERATE HIS REQUEST THAT USG ESTABLISH
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A SMALL PAROLE PROGRAM FOR REFUGEES (ABOUT 40 CASES). PRIM
COMMENTED THAT HE HAD HAD EXPERIENCE WITH U.S. PAROLE PROGRAM IN
CHILE. HE THOUGHT THE FRUSTRATIONS CONNECTED WITH THE INS
REVIEW OF PAROLEES SERIOUSLY UNDERCUT THE POLITICAL IMPACT OF THE
PROGRAM. IF THE USG WERE TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR ARGENTINE
REFUGEES IN BRAZIL, HE WOULD LIKE TO WORK QUIETLY WITH USG IN
SELECTING PAROLEES BEFORE A PROGRAM WERE ANNOUNCED. HIS POINT

IS THAT, ONCE ANNOUNCED, THE PROGRAM SHOULD MORE REFUGEES QUICKLY TO THE U.S.

3. PRIM ALSO SAID THAT UNHCR WOULD NOT ESTABLISH PERMANENT OFFICE IN RIO BECAUSE GOB DOES NOT WANT ONE. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS NO PRESSURE TO ABOLISH UNHCR TEMPORARY OFFICE PRESENTLY IN RIO.

4. COMMENT: AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE ARGENTINE REFUGEE SITUATION IN BRAZIL IS DELICATE, AND WE BELIEVE THOSE GOB OFFICIALS ADMINISTERING PROGRAM WOULD FIND THEIR FLEXIBILITY SERIOUSLY LIMITED SHOULD ANY U.S. EFFORT OF PAROLING ARGENTINE REFUGEES TO US BE ACCLAIMED PUBLICLY AS A MAJOR HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE. DISCREET, WELL-STAFFED EFFORT IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNHCR STRIKES US AS MOST DESIRABLE WAY TO PROCEED. THAT KIND OF APPROACH WOULD BUILD CONFIDENCE AMONG THOSE GOB OFFICIALS WHO ARE SYMPATHETIC TO ARGENTINE REFUGEE PLIGHT BUT WHO MUST AVOID A CONFRONTATION WITH EITHER THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT OR HARDLINERS WITHIN THE GOB, IF BRAZILIAN ASSISTANCE IS TO CONTINUE.
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